(b) the total quantum of iron ore exported to China during 1987-88 and 1988-89; and

(c) the total quantum of iron ore proposed to be exported to China during 1989-90?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) China has been importing iron ore from India intermittently since 1978-79.

(b) Quantum of iron ore including iron ore concentrates exported to China during 1987-88 and 1988-89 so far has been 3.77 lakh tonnes and 1.33 lakh tonnes respectively.

(c) MMTC has entered into contracts for export of 2.4 lakh tonnes of iron ore to China during 1989-90.

Opening of Branches of Banks in Orissa

1079. SHRI JAGADISH JANI; Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state;

(a) how many branches of different commercial banks have been opened in Orissa as on 31st December, 1988:

(b) what is the location of those branches in that State district-wise;

(c) what is the target set by each public sector commercial banks to open their branches in Orissa during the Seventh Plan; and

(d) what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALE-RIO): (a) and (b) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has reported that as at the end of June, 1988, 1812, branches *ol* commercial banks including Regional Rural Banks (RRBs) were functioning in Orissa. District-wis* details of these 1812 branches are indicated in the enclosed Statement. *(See below).*

(c) and (d) Under the current Branch Licensing Policy for 1985—90 co-terminus with Seventh Five Year Plan period, RBI upto 31-1-1989 has-allotted 202 eligible centres to commercial banks including RRBs for opening branches in Orissa. Bank-wise details of these 202 centres are indicated below: —

Name of Bank	No. of centres allotted
State Bank of India	41
State Bank of Travancore	1
Allahabad Bank	9
Andhra Bank	17
Bank of Baroda	5
Bank of India	13
Canara Bank	+
Central Bank of India	10
Indian Bank	6
Indian Overseas Bank	13
New Bank of India .	1
Oriental Bank of Commerce	1
Punjab National Bank	3
Syndicate Bank	2
UCO Bank	4
Union Bank of India	7
United Bank of India	6
Regional Rural Banks	58
Private Sector Banks	1
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District-wise number of branches of commercial banks and Regional Rural in Orissa as on 30-6-1988.

Name of District	No. of branches
Balasore	149
Bolangir	90
Cuttaek	321
Dhenkanal	116
Ganjam	193
Kalahandi	99
Keonjhar	73
Koraput	143
Mayurbhanj	111
Phulbani	52
Puri	231
Sambalpur	139
Sundergarh	95
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India's Trade Promotion Offices Abroad

1080. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up a trade promotion office in, Paris;

(b) whether it is a part of Government's programme to promote trade between India and France; and

(c) what ate the other places outside Indi$_a$ where trade promotion offices are set up by the Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) and (b) During a meeting of the Indo-French Joint Committee held in New Delhi on 30th and 31st January, 1989, the possibilities of expansion of bilateral trade were discussed. A suggestion was made by the French side for setting up of an offic$_e$ for promotion of Indian exports to Franea,

(c) Apart from the Commercial Sections located in our Missions abroad, organisations under the Ministry of Commerce have set up commercial and trade promotion offices at various places like Brussels, New York, Tokyo, London, Sydney, Singapore, Kuwait, Dubai, Frankfurt, etc.

Modification of Furnace Oil subsidy Scheme

1081. SHRl RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to modify Furnace Oil Subsidy Scheme to bring down the eligibility criteria to 15 per cent F.O.B. Export value;

(b) whether the scheme has proved beneficial; if so, would it be continued in the Eighth Plan period; if not, the reasons for the same;

(c) whether it is a fact that high cost of Furnace Oil affects the compe titiveness of small scale industries in the country; if so, what steps Government propose to take to build up ex» ports in this sector; and

(d) whether the glass and ceramic industry has represented in this regard and if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI); (a) to (d) The furnace oil subsidy scheme was introduced in August, 1984 by the Ministry of Petroleum. Under the scheme it was envisaged to make available furnace oil at concessional